



Yuma County HEOC/JIC COVID-19 DAILY UPDATE

3:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

*****CURRENT SITUATIONAL REPORT*****

Yuma County Public Health District Update

Yuma County Health Officials confirm 3 new cases of COVID-19 and 0 new deaths, bringing the total cases to 36,601, and total deaths to 809. Health officials are conducting contact investigations.

The Yuma County Health District expects to receive additional COVID-19 vaccine this week as part of its continuing effort to work with area partners in administering vaccinations. When doses are received, they will be shared with area providers to accommodate vaccination clinics throughout the County. Please visit the [Arizona Department of Health Services – Vaccine Finder](#) for the most up-to-date information on where vaccine is currently available. The website is updated frequently.

NOTE: All new cases of COVID-19 will include any positive cases from Yuma County Correctional Facilities and “Testing Blitz” locations.

- Arizona currently has 834,323 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 16,586 deaths
- Yuma County currently has 36,601 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 809 deaths
- Currently 136,695 Yuma County residents have been tested
- Currently 13 Yuma County Residents are hospitalized AS OF 8 am 03/17/21; please note the hospitalization numbers offer an accurate “snapshot” at the time of our daily update, but numbers may fluctuate throughout the day

Data is provisional and subject to change:



YUMA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE



CONFIRMED CASES

36,601

DEATHS

809

CASES BY AGE

LESS THAN 20	5,341	15%
20-44	16,146	44%
45-54	5,610	15%
55-64	4,675	13%
65+	4,829	13%

CASES BY GENDER

FEMALE	18,303	50%
MALE	18,296	50%
UNKNOWN	2	0%

YRMC HOSPITALIZATIONS *

13

TOTAL TESTS

136,695

YRMC TOTAL IN ICU *

4

ARIZONA SURGE LINE TRANSFERS *

0 LAST 24 HOURS
331 TOTAL

YRMC COVID-19 PATIENTS DISCHARGED *

2,416

YRMC VENTILATORS *

10 IN USE
73 AVAILABLE

* REPORTED BY YRMC
AS OF 8AM MARCH 17

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Yuma County Schools – Snapshot (reported weekly by ADHS)

[CLICK HERE for - ADHS Updated EMERGENCY MEASURE \(Schools\) 2020-04](#)

COVID-19 School Benchmarks

Community Transmission By Arizona County

This guidance outlines recommendations for K-12 schools to prepare for and respond to community spread of COVID-19 based on CDC's K-12 Operational Strategy and Indicators for Dynamic School Decision Making, and Arizona Department of Education's Roadmap to Reopening Schools. LEAs are encouraged to continue to partner with their local health departments.

County	Case Rate	% Positivity	Transmission Level
Apache	Moderate	Low	Moderate
Cochise	Substantial	Moderate	Substantial
Coconino	High	Low	High
Gila	Moderate	Low	Moderate
Graham	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate
Greenlee	Substantial	Low	Substantial
La Paz	Substantial	Low	Substantial
Maricopa	Substantial	Low	Substantial
Mohave	Substantial	Moderate	Substantial
Navajo	Substantial	Moderate	Substantial
Pima	Substantial	Low	Substantial
Pinal	High	Moderate	High
Santa Cruz	Moderate	Low	Moderate
Yavapai	Moderate	Low	Moderate
Yuma	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

For additional information & the schools dashboard, visit azhealth.gov/schoolsCOVID19.

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COVID-19 School Benchmarks

Indicators & Learning Delivery Recommendations

Community Transmission to Reflect Level of Community Risk

The first step in determining when and how to safely reopen schools involves assessing community transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. CDC recommends the use of two measures of community burden to determine the level of community transmission. These measures are used to assess the incidence and spread of COVID-19 in the community, not the school itself. Risk is dependent on community level transmission and implementation of school and community mitigation strategies.

Indicator	Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the last 7 days	0 - 9	10 - 49	50 - 99	≥ 100
Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	<5.0%	5.0% - 7.9%	8.0% - 9.9%	≥ 10.0%

Recommended Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and K-12 School Learning Modes by Level of Community Transmission

Low Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission	High Transmission
K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction	Elementary schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance	Elementary schools in virtual instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies and have low cases. Schools that are already open for in-person instruction with successfully implemented mitigation strategies can remain open, but only if they continue to strictly implement mitigation strategies and have low cases	

For detailed mitigation strategies and remarks see the K-12 School Guidance for COVID-19.

For additional information & the schools dashboard, visit azhealth.gov/schoolsCOVID19.

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Yuma County Businesses – Snapshot (reported weekly by ADHS)

Select a county to filter the data.



What is this dashboard?

ADHS Business Operations Dashboard
This dashboard is used to determine the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Arizona to provide information about business operations and allowed occupancy.

Time Frame

This dashboard does not look at the past two weeks due to potential lags in data.

Hover over the icon to get more information on the data in this dashboard.



Substantial Transmission

>100 cases per 100k, >10% percent positivity, >10% COVID-like illness

Moderate Transmission

10 - 100 cases per 100k, 5 - 10% percent positivity, 5 - 10% COVID-like illness

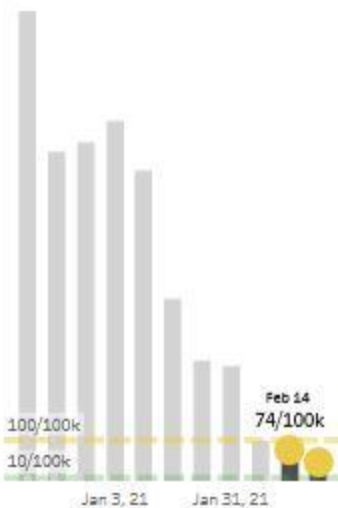
Minimal Transmission

<10 cases per 100k, <5% percent positivity, <5% COVID-like illness

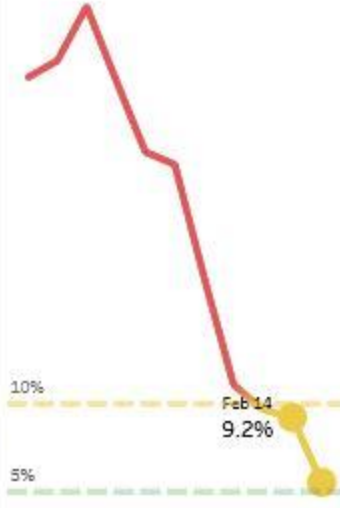
Showing data for **Yuma County** (Western Region)

Business Reopening Status: **Moderate**

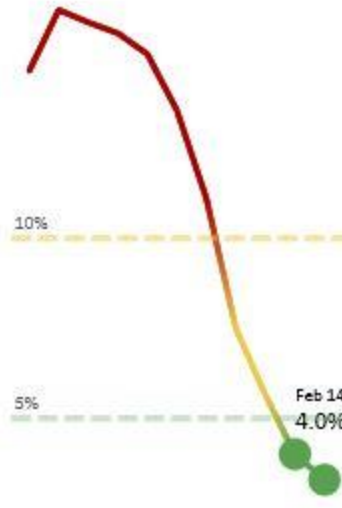
1) Cases per 100,000 individuals



2) Percent positivity

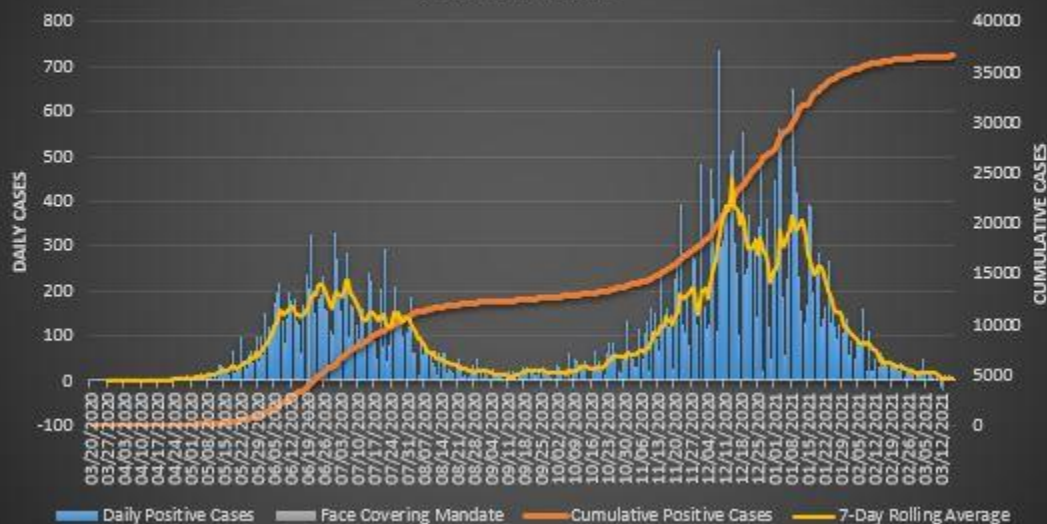


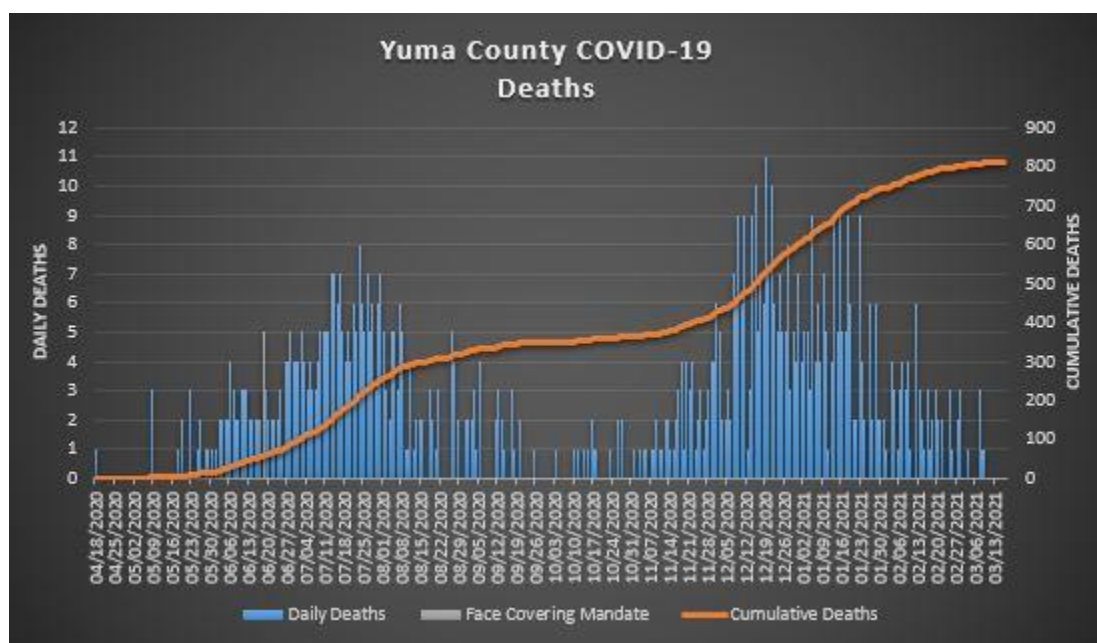
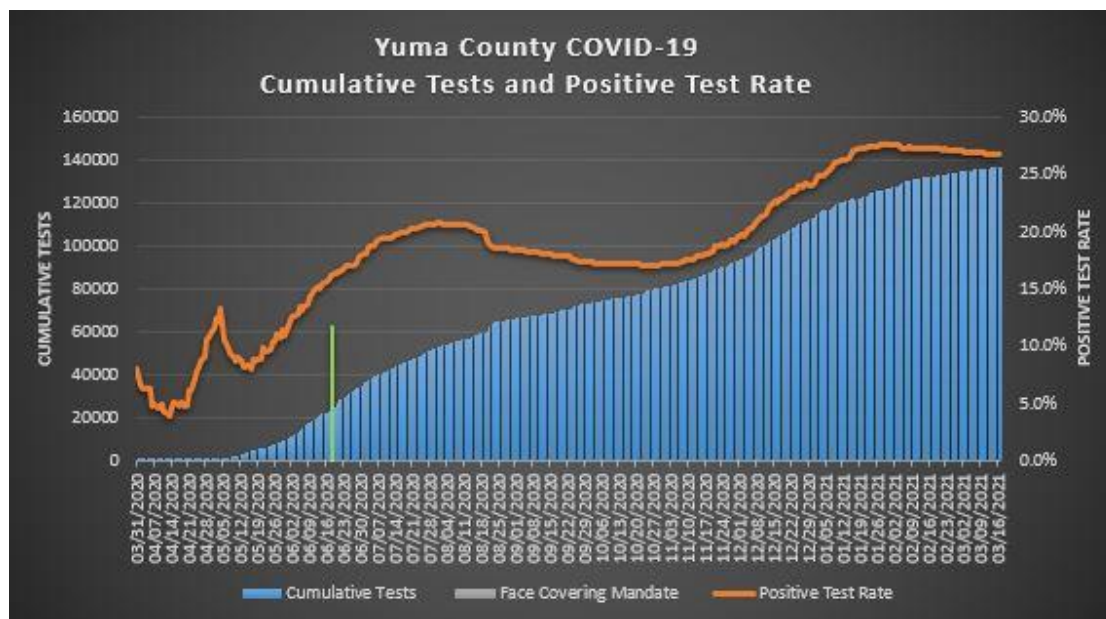
3) Hospital visits for COVID-like illnesses in the region



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Yuma County COVID-19 Positive Cases





NOTE: Recently the UofA Center for Excellence in Desert Agriculture received funding approval from the Yuma County Board of Supervisors for a wastewater surveillance program. This would be used as a potential mitigation tool as part of a layered multi-faceted approach to address COVID-19. The public can learn more about this at the [CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System web page](#).

I HAVE RECEIVED MY COVID-19 TEST, NOW WHAT DO I DO?:

When you can be around others depends on different factors for different situations. By following these steps (follow the link) you can continue to help stop the spread:

[English - What now?](#)

[Spanish – What now?](#)

TESTING OPPORTUNITIES:

YRMC

2460 S Parkview Loop #2

Yuma, AZ 85364

(928) 336-2160

8:00 am-4:00 pm Mon-Fri

Must have a Doctor's order – By appointment

No fee to you with insurance

\$125 without insurance

(25% discount for not having insurance, and 10% discount if paid within 30 days of test date)

YRMC – Foothills Walk-in Clinic

11142 S Scottsdale Dr

Yuma, AZ 85367

(928) 336-1815

8:00 am-1:00 pm Sat

Must have a Doctor's order – By appointment

No fee to you with insurance

\$125 without insurance

(25% discount for not having insurance, and 10% discount if paid within 30 days of test date)

San Luis Walk In Clinic - SAN LUIS

1896 E. Babbitt Ln

San Luis, AZ 85349

(928) 722-6112

7:00 am-3:00 pm Mon-Fri

Rapid testing available

No fee to you with insurance 1 time

No appointments available, drive up testing

Antibody (COVID-19 past exposure test) & Swab (COVID-19 diagnosis test) and Flu Vaccines

San Luis Walk In Clinic - SOMERTON

950 E. Main St. Building B

Somerton, AZ 85349

(928) 236-8001

7:00 am-3:00 pm Mon-Fri

Rapid testing available

No fee to you with insurance 1 time

No appointments available, drive up testing

Antibody (COVID-19 past exposure test) & Swab (COVID-19 diagnosis test) and Flu Vaccines

NextCare

1394 W. 16th St

Yuma, AZ 85364

(928) 539-0055

8:00 am-8:00 pm Sun-Sat

www.nextcare.com – Check in online
Covid-19 Testing
Antibody Testing
No fee to you with insurance
\$161 without insurance
Limited number available
Doctor determines if the test will be Rapid or Send off

San Luis Urgent Care

1233 N Main St Suite 1A
San Luis, AZ 85366
(928) 550-5514
9:00 am-9:00 pm Mon-Sat
NO RAPID TESTING AVAILABLE
Lab ONLY after evaluation with a doctor. Doctor determines if they will test.
No fee if you do not have insurance

Pinnacle Healthcare

4343 E 31st Place
Yuma, AZ 85365
(928) 341.4544
9:00 am-3:00 pm Mon-Fri
No appointment needed. Drive-thru
Send out testing - \$50
Rapid testing - \$75
No fee to you with insurance

Sunset Community Health Center -YUMA

675 S Avenue B,
Yuma, AZ 85364
(928) 539-3140
7:00 am-9:00 am Mon/Tue/Thurs - No appointment needed (First come First serve)
NO RAPID TESTING AVAILABLE
REGULAR TESTING: 175 Test kits per day
No fee to you with insurance
No fee if you do not have insurance
2-3 day turnaround time

Sunset Community Health Center -SOMERTON

115 N Somerton Ave
Somerton, AZ 85350
(928) 627-2051
7:30 am-9:30 am Mon/Tue/Thurs - No appointment needed (First come First serve)
NO RAPID TESTING AVAILABLE
REGULAR TESTING: 175 Test kits per day
No fee to you with insurance
No fee if you do not have insurance
2-3 day turnaround time

St. Francis of Assisi Yuma – Embry Health

1815 S. 8th Ave.
Yuma, AZ 85364
(480) 376-2170
8:00 am to 4:00 pm -7 days a week

No fee

St. John Neumann Roman Catholic Yuma – Embry Health

11545 E. 40th St.

Yuma, AZ 85367

(480) 376-2170

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Mon-Sat

No fee

Arizona Desert Elementary School – Embry Health

1245 N. Main St.

San Luis, AZ 85349

(480) 376-2170

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm -7 days a week

No fee

Question of the Day: Can protection from mRNA vaccines work against new variants of the virus? (Source: John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)

- So far, it looks like the mutations that are in the spike protein in these different variants are not going to let the virus escape the vaccine. This could change—particularly as SARS-CoV-2 continues to spread throughout the world, with each new host creating opportunities for mutation. If these mutations notably alter the protein's structure, new variants could elude the antibodies elicited by vaccines for other variants.
- Fortunately, mRNA vaccines are well-suited for keeping up with sudden changes in the viral landscape. The mRNA itself is manufactured via a standardized process in which the core ingredient is a DNA sequence encoding a specific viral protein. This means vaccine makers can update the vaccine to fend off new strains by simply tweaking the “recipe” to encode a new protein.
- If this virus becomes endemic, it might be that new vaccine variants will need to be rolled out to match the variants that take root.

Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) recent updates can be found on the COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard.

- You can access the [COVID-19 Reporting Dashboard](#)
- You can access the [COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code](#)
- Please take note of new reporting data available on the dashboard:
 - Summary
 - Demographics
 - COVID-19 Deaths
 - Zip Code
 - Confirmed COVID-19 Cases by Day
 - Hospitalization
 - Hospital COVID-like & Influenza-like illness Surveillance
 - Laboratory Testing

- Congregate Settings with Positive COVID-19 Cases
- Hospital Bed Usage & Availability
- Ventilator Usage & Availability
- Hospital COVID-19 Specific Metrics

HOW can YOU get a flu shot in Yuma County?

The 2020-2021 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine is now available at the Health District, 2200 W. 28th Street in Yuma. Seasonal flu vaccinations are available for all individuals 6 months of age and older. The cost is \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth 18 years and younger. Medicare Part B, AHCCCS and Private Insurance are accepted upon presentation of card.

Flu vaccine is available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call: (928)317-4559

Yuma County health officials confirm “moderate spread” of COVID-19 throughout Yuma County. We encourage all residents to take the necessary precautions including physical distancing and staying home if you are sick. Remember to:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid people who are sick, and avoid groups of 10 people or more.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched surfaces like light switches, door knobs, electronic devices, etc.
- Stay home if you are sick so you do not expose others.
- Practice physical distancing, staying 6 feet away from others.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) UPDATE

NOTE, some of the below information has been updated from previous releases. Please be sure to read all segments.

YUMA COUNTY

Yuma County Government Offices PUBLIC visitation hours are ([PDF LIST](#)):

County Administration, Human Resources and Financial Services offices at 198 S. Main Street are open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The County Assessor, Treasurer, Recorder and Elections Services, located at 197 S. Main Street/192 Maiden Lane, are open to the public daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

County libraries continue to provide public access based on facility size and staffing to minimize exposure to COVID-19:

- The Main Library, San Luis, Somerton and Foothills Libraries will have metered access based on size and staffing, with a limit on the number of people in the library at one time.

- Heritage, Dateland, Wellton and Roll Libraries will be by appointment only, due to their smaller staffing.
- Please visit the [Library's website](#) for more information on hours and available services.

CITY OF YUMA

City Hall is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Face masks are required. Patrons should please use the marked social distance spacing in customer service areas.

To honor our healthcare workers and the sacrifices they make, the City of Yuma has launched [Adopt-a-Nurse Yuma](#), an initiative to pool local resources to provide meals and other encouragement efforts for our city's healthcare workers. Yumans can participate by making a donation, or dropping off a thank-you, Christmas or holiday card. Residents can also simply reach out to an acquaintance in the healthcare field to thank them for the work they are doing on behalf of our entire region. Individuals, businesses, and community organizations interested in supporting the initiative are encouraged to contact Arlyn Galaviz at arlyn.galaviz@yumaaz.gov.

Marine Corps Air Station - Yuma

Effective 04 September, the Trusted Traveler Program has been reinstated. Visitors without a CAC or DOD identification will be allowed to enter with a sponsor. Visitors will be required to provide justification for needing access to the installation and granted access to the base with someone who has a CAC or DOD identification card who will be sponsoring/escorting them aboard the base.

Under the program, sponsors and/or guests may be subject to a background check.

Safety measures are still required by MCAS Yuma in order to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

YUMA PROVING GROUND

Although certain access restrictions directed by the Department of the Army are in place, Yuma Proving Ground's essential test mission in support of Army modernization priorities continues. Access to Yuma Proving Ground is currently restricted to the following:

- * YPG residents, including Travel Camp residents
- * YPG employees
- * Civilian contractors who work at YPG
- * Other personnel who come to YPG for an authorized purpose (including personnel on official orders to YPG, DoD retirees/ID card holders, and delivery drivers)

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